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From: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 11:04 AM
To: PortlandHarbor
Subject: FW: Get the Poison out of our River

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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: KnowWho Services [mailto:noreply@knowwho.services]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 3:41 PM
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Subject: Get the Poison out of our River

Dear Portland Harbor Cleanup Public Comments,

Dear Ms. McCarthy and Members of Congress,

The proposed cleanup of Portland Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. EPA's cleanup proposal tackles just 8% of a site area that is 100% toxic.

A more aggressive plan is needed to prevent even more harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment and culture, I urge the EPA to implement a plan that:

- Moves quickly and sustainably reduces contaminants causing harm to Willamette and Columbia River resources
- Includes ongoing monitoring and cleanup upriver and downriver from the site -Helps reestablish healthy native plant and micro-organism/algae population in the Portland Harbor region
- Contributes to healthy fish that are safe to eat for all people
- Holds polluters accountable for creating a safer Portland Harbor

These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve. When the non-Native population took over the region from our original Natives who were stewards of the land, there were NO toxins, the native plants and animals and microbes thrived. This ecosystem has been damaged and torn apart by the pollutants. It needs to be restored to COMPLETE Environmental Health--100% NOT 8%!!

And I deserve a clean, safe Portland Harbor. And even more, so do my Native American neighbors!

I will be patiently awaiting your response to my request.

Best Regards,

Sincerely,

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